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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION LINE 13, PARA 2)

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: TREATMENT OF ETHIOPIAN DETAINEES

1. IN VIEW OF US (AND IEG) COMMITMENT TO ARTICLES 55 AND 56 OF UN CHARTER AND ARTICLE 3 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS OF 1949 WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME READING ON HOW ETHIOPIAN DETAINEES SINCE JUNE 28 AND EARLIER ARE BEING TREATED. LISTED BELOW ARE SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS. THIS LIST IS NEITHER EXCLUSIVE NOR INCLUSIVE AND ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY HAS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. EMBASSY NEED NOT INQUIRE OF IEG ON THIS SUBJECT. AN EARLY INTERIM REPLY IS DESIRED, EVEN IF IT MUST PERFORCE BE EXTREMELY SHORT AND GENERAL.

2. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF DETENTION? DO THEY MEET REASONABLE STANDARDS OF SANITATION, FOOD, MEDICAL TREATMENT, EXERCISE, OPPORTUNITY TO READ, FACILITIES FOR RELIGIOUS OB-  
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SERVANCE AND THE LIKE? HOW DO THE CONDITIONS COMPARE WITH

THOSE OF ORDINARY CRIMINALS HELD IN THE SAME AREA AND THOSE OF MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO MAY BE CONFINED UNDER MILITARY LAW? HAVE ANY OF THOSE HELD BEEN INFORMED OF CHARGES AGAINST THEM? IF SO, WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AND UNDER WHAT SECTIONS OF LAW ARE THEY BROUGHT? HAVE ALL THOSE HELD BEEN GIVEN REASONABLY FREQUENT ACCESS TO THEIR FAMILIES, TO RELIGIOUS ADVISERS AND TO LAWYERS OF THEIR CHOICE? HOW MANY OF THOSE HELD ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY LAWYERS AND ARE THOSE LAWYERS ABLE TO FUNCTION ADEQUATELY IN SAFEGUARDING THEIR LEGAL INTERESTS? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY ALLEGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PERSONS HELD OF VIOLENCE TO THEIR PERSON, IN PARTICULAR MURDER, MUTILATION, CRUEL TREATMENT, OR TORTURE? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY INSTANCES OF ALLEGATIONS OF OUTRAGES UPON PERSONAL DIGNITY, IN PARTICULAR HUMILIATING AND DEGRADING TREATMENT? HAVE EITHER THE PERSONS HELD OR THE AUTHORITIES SOUGHT TO HAVE AVAILABLE THE SERVICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS OR SOME OTHER IMPARTIAL HUMANITARIAN BODY?

3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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